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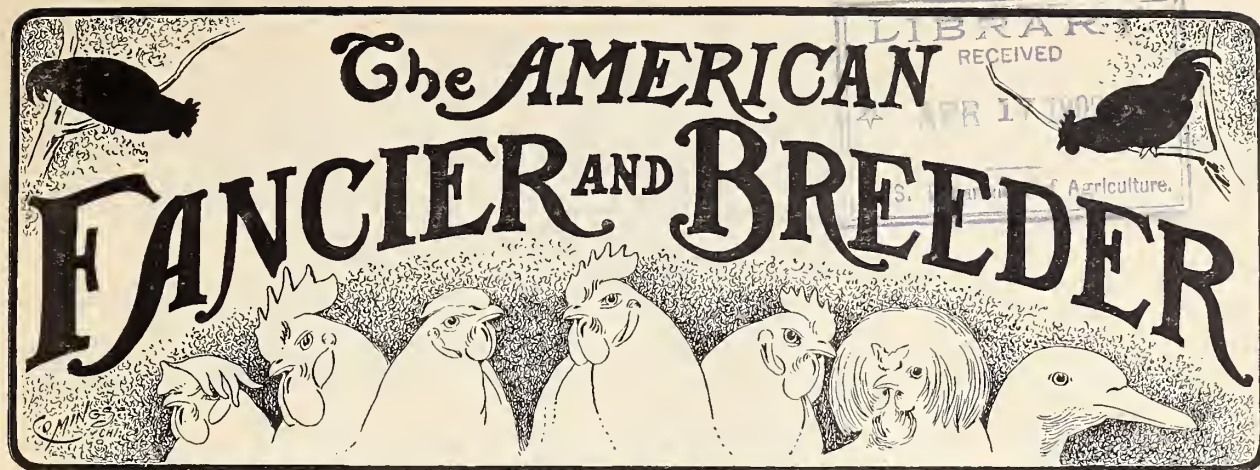
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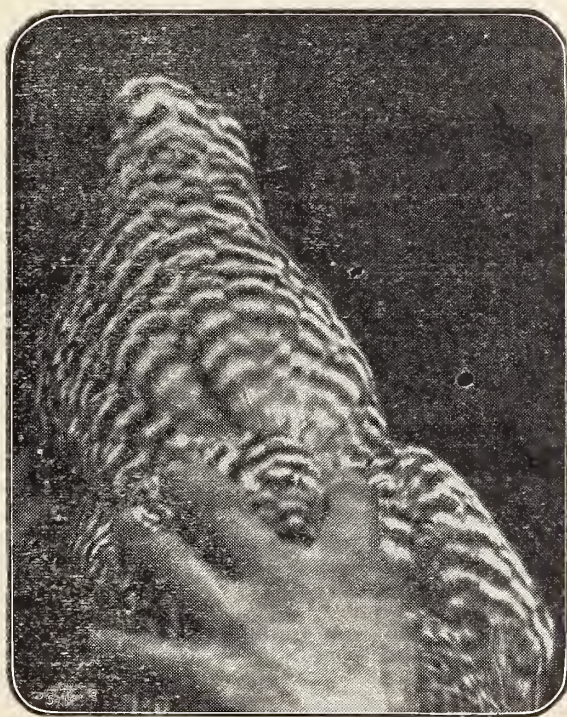
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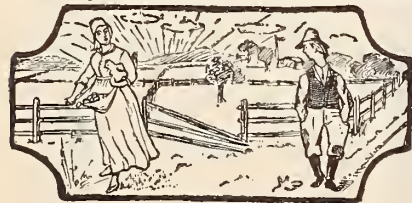
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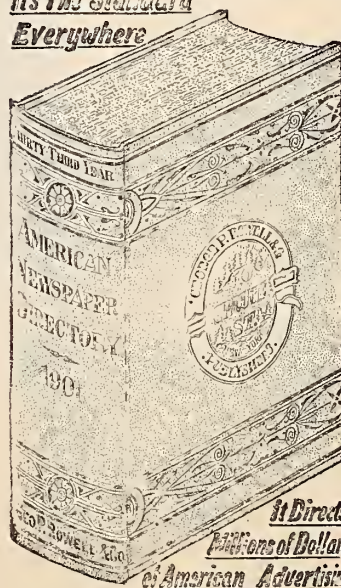
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## Choosing a Breed.

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Taken from a recent issue of COMMERCIAL POULTRY.

As an excuse for selecting this much discussed subject once more we print below a letter received by the editor of Commercial Poultry. The letter, which is signed by a subscriber and dated from a town in Kentucky, is as follows;

"I was thinking of breeding Buff Rocks, but my father wants Buff Orpingtons, and as we have room for only one breed, which do you think is the better all-purpose fowl of the two? Which would you advise me to choose?"

For the benefit of our correspondent and of all those who find themselves in a similar state of indecision we would say that as

thing near perfection. The Buff Orpington are a white skinned breed, which is against them from the American market point of view, but on the other hand they have beautifully shaped bodies from the market stand point. They have a long keel and a deep, wide breast, making them good table fowls.

As our view of this breed is perfectly disinterested, we are free to say that if we were to be called upon to decide for ourselves which of the two breeds to take with either one of them that happened to come within our reach.

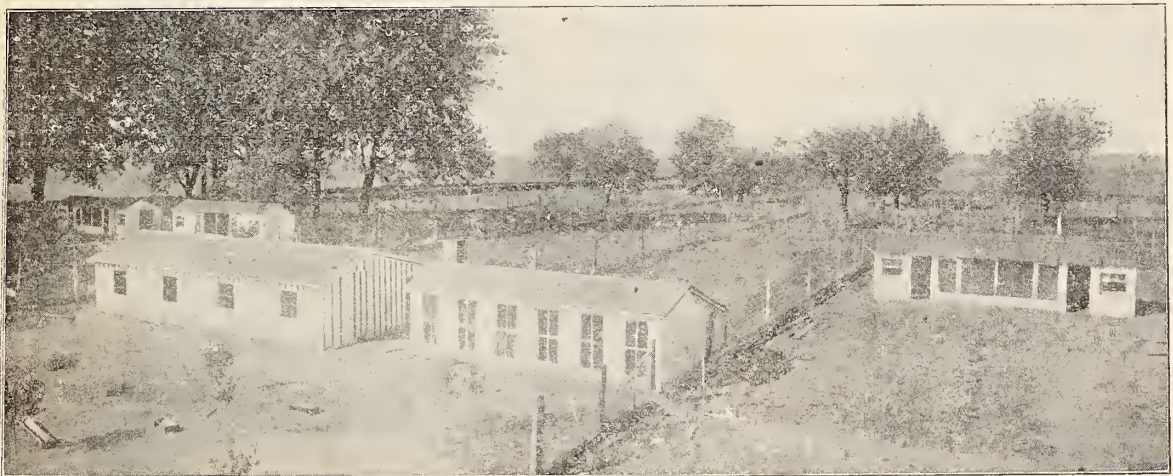
This matter of selecting a breed is important only and solely as it affects the owner of the fowls. We might not care for either of the breeds named above, and in such a case neither would be the better for us to select. Every breeder of poultry

instructive and frequently very interesting.

## YELLOW LEGGED CHICKENS.

Some people imagine that a chicken must have yellow skin in order to make it fit to eat. The color of the skin does not make the flesh taste any better. Chickens with dark or white legs will be found as palatable as those with yellow legs. It is told that preachers have a liking for yellow-skinned chicken and perhaps there are others.

Yellow corn is no better, no sweeter, no nutritious than white corn, yet nevertheless, there are many people who believe the former to be the better. We may still find people in the United States who believe that the earth is flat, that hogs must be killed at a certain time of the noon, that they may not go to grease or that potatoes should be



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between the two named there is little chance to make a mistake. The Buff Rocks are a noble breed; they have been so skillfully bred that they are about perfect as to color and shape; they are new enough to be in good demand and as layers they will probably compare favorably with any of the larger breeds.

As to the Buff Orpingtons, they are a new breed to this country and have been received with open arms, so to speak, by American breeders. It is claimed that they are prolific layers, but some carefully kept egg-records that we have had access to do not show that they are any better in this respect than the Rocks or Wyandottes. The Buff Orpingtons were admitted to the Standard at the Charleston meeting of the American Poultry Association, and Standard requirements adopted are so strict that it will take skillful breeding to bring them up to any-

should select the breed that he most delights in. In an impersonal way every lover of pure-bred poultry takes delight in looking at a good specimen of any of the breeds, but when it comes to ownership there is always one breed of which he does not tire, if he is he is a genuine fancier. That is the breed for him to choose for his use.

Without indulging in any sentiment experience bears us out in the statement that our favorite breed does better for us than any other breed would or could. Outside the miscellaneous class, there is not a breed of fowls named in the Standard that cannot be made profitable if the owner really delights in them.

Our columns are open at all times to the admission of evidence as to the merits of any breed, if that evidence is based on tangible facts. We haven't room for theorizing but actual experiences are always

planted at a certain time to keep them from going to tops, and many similar superstitions. These are perhaps, no more unreasonable than the belief that a chicken must have a yellow skin to render it a delicacy.

Yellow-skinned poultry may look nicer, and bring better prices, and for that reason we should raise chickens with yellow legs and skin, because the public think they are better and will pay a better price for them.

In England the conditions are reversed. A chicken with a yellow skin will not be preferred by an Englishman. In fact, they do not like them at all. But we are not raising chickens for the English market, and therefore, we must breed the fowl which will catch the American fancy. We must admit that the English people are excellent judges of what is good to eat, and when they wish something select, they find it in a white skinned chicken. Thus we see that

it is merely a question of hobby in regard to the superiority of yellow or white skinned poultry. A Plymouth Rock is no more palatable than a Houdan, Dorking, Langshan, or Buff Orpington. If an epicure were blindfolded and two chickens were placed before him, one with yellow skin, the other with white skin, it is very doubtful if he could find any difference or distinguish one from the other.

As long as the yellow skinned chicken is the fad in America, it will be the more profitable to raise the same. The man who can successfully cater to all kinds of fastidious tastes and odd notions will be the most popular and make the most money.—Standard.

#### MASH.

A warm mash of vegetables, bran, corn meal, ground oats, table scraps, etc., is a food for laying hens, if properly fed. But when used as it is generally, it is often detrimental to egg production and injurious to the health of the hens. Many people need to be cautioned against the morning mash as they feed it to hens intended for winter laying.

I have never been enabled to understand why this is almost universally called the "morning mash," or why it should be considered the proper thing for the first meal of the day by so many breeders of poultry. My method of feeding mash, when I use it at all, is to feed at supper time, just before the hens go to roost. When fed at that time of the day, can safely give them all they will eat up clean, but at no other time of the day ought this be done. I am not exploiting a theory now, but am giving points of knowledge gained by actual experience.

In the early winter morning the hen comes off the perch feeling a little chilled and stiff, and if allowed all the, or any other kind of feed, she can eat from the trough or ground, she will pack her crop full and hunt the warmest corner of the house and loaf there until that food is all digested.

Under this system of feeding, the hens soon become fat and lazy, as there is no inducement for them to take exercise. While I do not believe in the theory that a fat hen will not lay, I do know that an overly fat hen is not the best egg producer in the world and is in most cases an easy mark for disease.

I would recommend for the first feed, wheat, oats or cracked corn, or equal parts of the three, scattered in the scratching litter. If you don't get up early enough in the morning to scatter this feed by the time the hens leave their perches, you had better attend to it the last thing at night, so that biddy can begin to work as soon as she awakes in the morning. If you think the daily mash is a necessity to your fowls, try feeding it at night. Let them fill up on mash and go to roost with full crops, giving them the whole night in which to digest it, and be ready for work early in the morning.

The health and laying qualities of a hen depend to a great extent on the amount of exercise she takes. The plumage also is brightened by exercise; so if we would keep our fowls in the healthiest, brightest, and consequently the most profitable condition, let us feed what mash we use at night.—E.

#### Hen Manure and Its Farm Value.

With eggs worth 2 or 2½ cents each it does not require much argument to convince the farmer that the hen is one of the most valuable adjuncts of his business. But not the least valuable product of this fowl is the fertilizer she makes. And yet this feature of the case is often overlooked and little store set by anything the hen does except the eggs she produces.

It is not entirely possible to accurately estimate the value of hen manure. Attempts to do so are more or less in the nature of an

As against the horse, hens yield a fertilizer more than three times as valuable. While sheep manure is less than half as valuable, we know that few kinds of farm fertilizers surpass that of sheep.

It pays, then, to save hen manure with great care. It ought to be put where rain, snow and sunshine cannot reach it. It never should be mixed with ashes, as some do, for the chemicals in the two work destruction to the manurial qualities of the fertilizer. When it is to be spread it may be mixed with plaster or road dust to make it handle better. With us, the best way to use hen manure is in growing corn. When the rows are just beginning to show we scatter the manure, mixed with plaster, along by the hills following by the weeder, which thoroughly mingles the manure with the earth and prevents the escape of the nitrogenous and phosphoric properties. Thus



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approximate opinion. This is made more uncertain by reason of the different care different men take of the droppings from their houses. Some throw them out and allow them to become wet by the storms. This greatly reduces the value of the fertilizer. I have seen boxes of hen manure thus treated which were worth little more than so much sawdust. And the results of excessive drying is not much less destructive to the properties of hen manure. If exposed to the direct rays of the sun for days, or perhaps weeks, the ammonia will largely escape, bringing about a serious loss of value.

But if properly cared for there is no fertilizer produced on the farm which is richer than that of the henhouse. Compared with barnyard manure, ton for ton, the hen manure is about four and one half times as valuable as nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid.

used there is no manure which will give corn a finer start. It will show all through the season and be manifest in the harvest.—E. L. Vincent in Farmers' Advocate.

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## BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.

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BY ERNEST B. BLETT.

The whole Bantam family seem to be put down as a small insignificant lot of the hen creation, and I suppose it is because they are so small, but I know they are not as large as our large Buff Cochins or Brahmas and yet they will pay well for their keeping. They are utility poultry as people with small room may have a flock of twelve where they could not keep one-fourth that amount of our large breeds. They are poultry for city people with small room. The Buff Cochin Bantam seems to be admired by more people than other breeds, their rich buff color, short legs and heavy toe featherings seems to add beauty to their small bodies. They breed very true to feather, and from the practical side of the question are designed for people in the city, living where they only have a small back yard, for a few of them can be kept in very close quarters and the scraps from the table will keep them, and they will more than repay you in eggs as they are very good layers, laying an egg very nearly as large as lots of strains of Leghorns.

The Buff Cochin Bantam came originally from Peking, China, and they have been called Peking Bantams until a few years ago when the breeders dropped the word Peking. They were brought to England among the spoils taken from the Royal Summer Palace at Peking when it was sacked by the Anglo-

French expedition in 1860.

The chickens when hatched are quite small; they are white with a buff tint, they are quite hardy and grow quite fast. I have always before fed a variety of food but this season I am feeding hoe cake or johnny cake and I never saw a more promising lot before. I have not had one sick. I always supply plenty of grit for them, and that will keep away bowel trouble with plenty of good fresh water in clean dishes. One-half or more bowel trouble is caused from the lack of grit and pure clean water. The Buff Cochin Bantam hens are extra good setters and mothers, they will fight dogs and cats, and have good success in raising a big per cent of their young, I have not lost one chick this season after taking them from the nest. There is only one thing to be successful in raising Buff Bantams or any breed and that is to keep the lice away, it seems to me that lice will coo-per a bantam chick quicker than the larger breeds of fowls. It is a delight as well as business to raise them to the Standard, breed them true to color and bring them up as high as possible. Good birds are always in good demand. I have been offered some quite fancy prices and have received some fair prices for stock, so you see there is money in it as well as pleasure all for the city people with small room. Some seem to think Bantams must be hatched late and also stunted in order to keep them small or down to their standard size. I cannot agree with them from my exper-

ience. If they have the right kind of stock and are properly mated they will not have to stunt them or hatch them late to keep them down in size, and I myself never saw a stunted bird develop to standard shape or amount to anything as a breeder. We have enough to contend with without stunting our birds. I don't want such stock or strain of Bantams that have been stunted to keep down that size. My Bantams are raised on good wholesome food all they need and have had no trouble to keep them down in size. They have the shape; if they were stunted when young how could they attain correct shape and develop into good birds? When buying stock or birds to make a start be sure you are on the right road. Don't buy eggs from unhealthy stock. Start right, no matter what the price is, better pay a good price and get something than pay a poor price and get nothing.

To get rid of the neighbor's cat explode a torpedo under her tail whenever she comes around. The neighbor will appreciate the joke and you will get rid of the cat and keep your neighbor's good will at the same time.

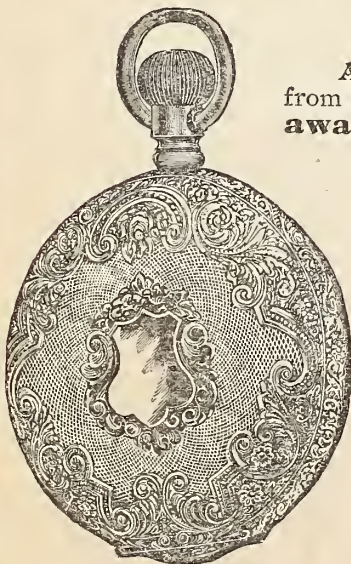
Any farmer who has a large orchard and does not keep a large flock of hens upon it is wasting valuable space which could be profitably utilized with advantage.

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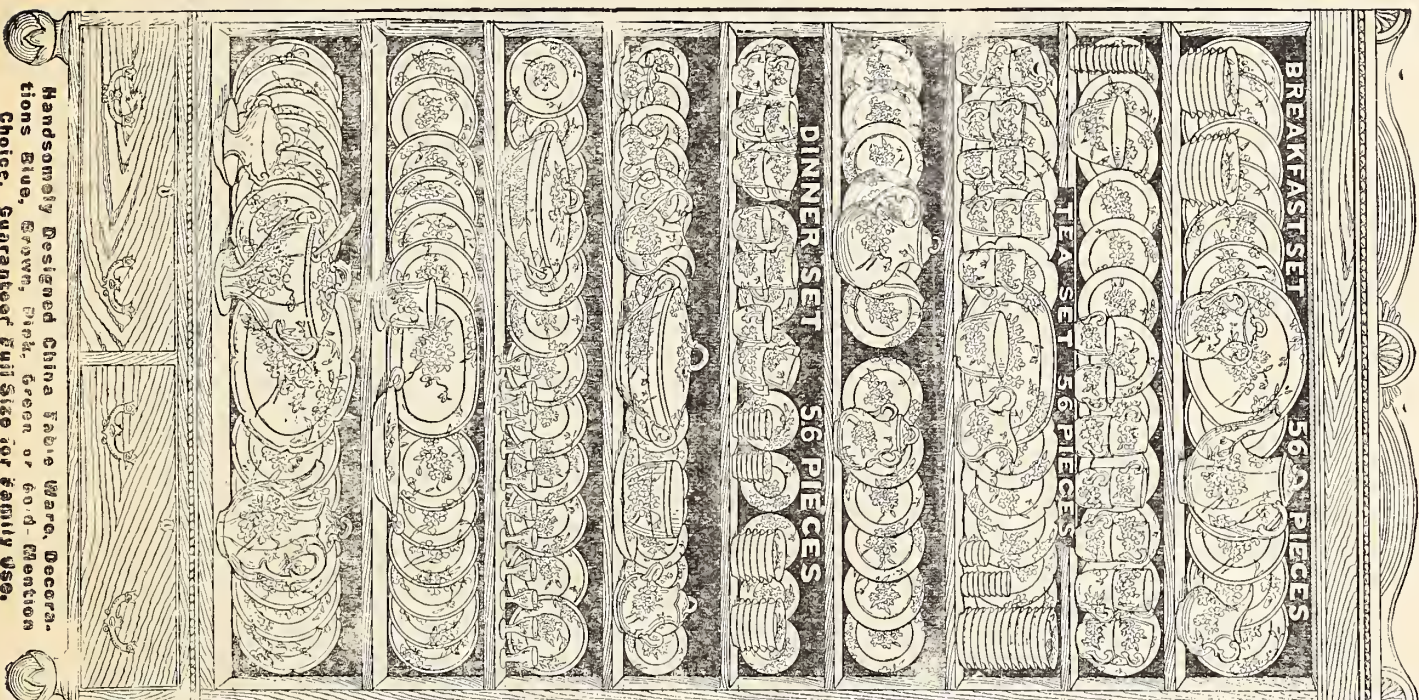
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By J. M. GILBERT

Early chicks are what we all want but the problem that confronts us is to get them without such excessive cost. Unless one has excellent facilities for early chicks, April and May will undoubtedly give much better results. To get chicks we must have fertile eggs, and to get these is sometimes a problem. The scratching shed or a coop that can be opened up so as to admit the sun and fresh air is a necessity towards fertile eggs and care should be taken to gather the eggs often before being chilled as many of us do not possess extra warm houses. The males should be separated from the females until you want to put them in your breeding yards and the eggs will show a marked increase in fertility. I find incubators far superior to hens this season of the year as hens are liable to leave their nests and the eggs become chilled and you are out what may have been birds wearing the blue ribbon which we are all so eager to win. There are many good incubators on the market and no one takes any risk in buying a machine, that is a first-class one, but under no circumstance buy a cheap one, as the results are liable to be far from being satisfactory. After you get your chicks the next point is to raise them and the battle of life just commences. An indoor brooder is the real thing to start a chick in for two or three weeks and then transfer them to the outdoor brooder. A shed with the front covered with muslin answers the purpose very well for sheltering the brooder, as it admits plenty of fresh air and still keeps out all storm and wind. Fresh air is a necessity to growing chicks and they must have it to do their best, as hot house fowls are of very little use to any one. Never crowd into a brooder a hundred chicks even if you do have a two hundred size brooder, as thirty to fifty is enough to put together.

Some prefer one kind of feed and some another. One will have good success feeding rolled oats and another will get disastrous results with the same, but my experience has been that Spratts Patent food is the thing to start and condition birds on; still there are many other prepared foods on the market that give good results. Powdered charcoal should be kept before the chicks all the time as it is one of the best remedies for indigestion and bowel trouble.

Hatching with hens one should be on the lookout for lice and not let them get on the little chicks, as the majority of dead ones are due to lice.

Anyone hatching for the winter shows May, June and July are the best months for the birds will just get in fine feathers by that time, still my 3rd Buff Wyandotte pullet at Madison Square Garden was hatched the first of February and moulted just in time to be in the pink of condition for that show. Many are of that opinion that a buff colored fowl hatched in May or later has a much better and smoother shade of color than those hatched in the winter.—Poultry Standard.



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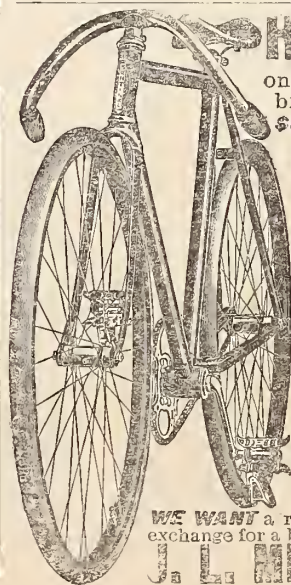
We have heard it frequently claimed,  
says Poultry Farmer, that chicken runs  
were not necessary on the farm, as there the  
chickens could have a large range. This  
may or may not be true according to the  
management given the poultry. As they  
are usually managed, there can be no need  
of runs. As they should be managed for  
best results, they will be found necessary.  
A great many people in this world have to  
be shown some things before they will be-  
lieve. On a great many farms only one kind  
of fowl is kept, and that kind is any kind  
that happens to hatch out from the mongrel  
stock kept. On other farms a few good  
cockerels are bought each year and all hens  
sold that can be caught and the breeding is  
carried on indiscriminately and without any  
definite object in view. No improvement is  
obtained except supposed improvement.  
What is most needed is to select a few of  
the best hens on the farm and mate them  
with some good male bird, all eggs set dur-  
ing the season being obtained from this mat-  
ing. In order to carry on this as it should  
be done the hens will have to be confined in  
runs. If two or more varieties are kept  
the runs can be kept employed during the  
breeding season, and latter the whole flock  
can have the entire range of the farm if  
necessary. Very few people carry on stock  
breeding as they do poultry. No one catches  
up the best of everything and places it in  
the market, breeding from what may be left.

Breeders are selected in every line; and why  
not in the poultry business? There is one  
other use for runs that will come handy on  
any farm where they may be employed. It  
is the separation of chickens of various ages  
kept for various purposes, and feeding each  
lot as the occasion demands. Laying hens  
may be fed for laying, if it is thought advis-  
able to do this on the farm, and as many  
eggs can be obtained as when permitted to  
run at large and feed as they can. Growing  
stock may be kept in a separate pen and fed  
food that is calculated to give them the  
most growth. If fowls are selected for fat-  
tening, and if it is necessary to feed them  
fattening food, such food can be fed only to  
such who are in need of it. There are many  
advantages of runs that can hardly be enu-  
merated here. No poultry plant is complete  
without them. Those who have them should  
turn them under occasionally and plant some  
kind of crop so as to keep them renovated  
and make their sanitary condition good.  
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There are other growers think that to fatten turkeys they must have all they can eat at all times, and keep shelled corn constantly before them for several weeks, expecting to find very fat birds when killing day arrives. But, usually, such birds are not as fat as expected, and I have found many sick birds in flocks treated in the above manner.

If I had a healthy, vigorous lot of turkeys that I wanted to prepare for market, I would give them absolute freedom, and all the clean water they would drink. The fattening process would continue through four weeks, and at no time would I give them quite all they could eat; for, as sure as you overfeed, you will begin to notice sick birds in the flock. I would feed corn of last season's crop, and would not shell it from the cob, but break the ears in two or three pieces and let the turkeys do the rest. For the first week I would feed sparingly; after that more liberally. After the second week I would feed at noon also, and would give them wheat, oats, or a mash of boiled potatoes and corn meal mixed to a crumbly mass. To this would be added a handful of oil meal and two or three handfuls of beef scrap for every twenty birds. This mash should be cold, fed in a long trough that is kept perfectly clean, and grit of some kind should be placed where they could always get it.

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**EARTH FLOORS.**

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A very bad plan is to use concrete (or any hard substance) for flooring to poultry houses, unless it is covered with earth. The fowls, of course, cannot scratch, and it keeps the

feet constantly "on the stretch," owing to its unyielding nature. We should very much prefer the bare ground. The drier the earth and floor is inside your building the better. Then put your dust boxes near the window so as to receive the direct rays of the sun; and if the fowls make the dust fly all over the apartment, so that it will lodge on the nest and on the perches, and cling to the walls and partitions, all the better. Dust is noxious to vermin. We do not consider that it is any benefit to the fowls to compel them to breathe a dusty atmosphere all day; but still we think they will be able to get along without any excessive bad effects; and the good that they receive from being free from vermin will more than compensate for any slight injury they may receive.

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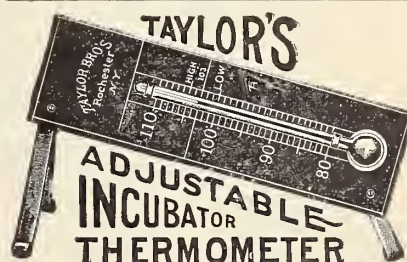
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### Exercise for Layers.

All authorities seem to agree on the proposition that hens to do well should have daily exercise, so as to get their blood in circulation, says a poultry writer in Farm and Fireside. Some people wanted to feed a warm breakfast early and then make the hens scratch for their dinner among litter strewn over the floor or in a shed. Others (and I now agree with them) think that it is a good plan to set the hens to scratching early in the morning. Wheat, oats, buckwheat, etc., may be scattered over the litter on the hen house floor or in the scratching shed for that purpose. At night we used to feed whole corn, so as to give to the fowls a full crop for fuel to keep them warm during the night. A few weeks ago a correspondent of The Rural New Yorker told that instead of shelling corn he simply runs the ears through an ordinary feed cutter and then lets the hens pick the grain off the pieces. I have adopted this plan and now give to my hens a quantity of such chopped up ears early in the morning to busy themselves with for an hour or two to get warm on. I find this a most excellent plan. It takes only a fraction of the time required to shell corn when we cut it up in the regular feed cutter and the hens seem to take to their task very readily and to have very little trouble in shelling every kernel off these short pieces.—A. P. A.

### NOTES.

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Never set a hen twice in succession. If she faithfully sits three weeks she has performed her duty, and should either be given her young, or allowed a range alone to gather up strength.

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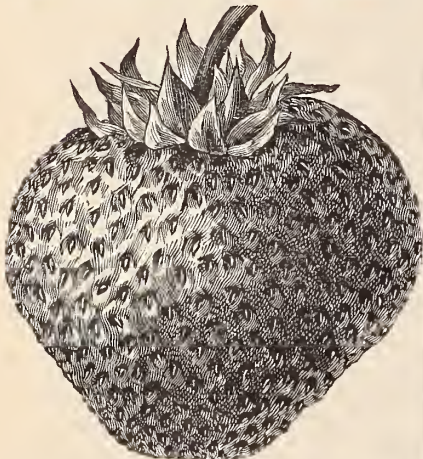
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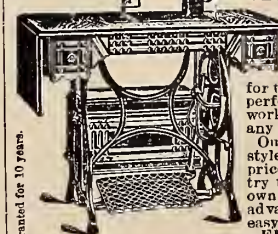
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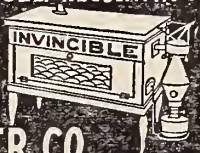
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